

# MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for November 10, 2024

## *This Week at St. Mark:*

<b>Monday, Nov. 18:</b>	2:30PM	Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 19:</b>	11:30AM	St. Mark Table Talk—Conference Room
<b>Thursday, Nov. 21:</b>	6:15PM	Bell choir rehearsal
	7:00PM	Voice choir rehearsal
<b>Friday, Nov. 22:</b>	12:00PM	Annual Reports Due to Church Office
<b>Saturday, Nov. 23:</b>	10:00AM	Scouting for Food

## General Assembly Meeting TODAY

On November 17 during the Adult Forum hour in the Parish Hall, a meeting of the General Assembly will be held to review proposed By-Law revisions and to discuss the 2025 Church Spending Guide/Budget, both of which will be voted on at the Annual Congregation Meeting on Sunday, December 1. This meeting will allow us to answer questions regarding the By-Law revisions and budget, and to make tweaks to the latter before approval at the Church Council meeting on November 25. Please plan to attend!



## Boy Scout Food Drive 11/23

This year's Boy Scout Food Drive will take place **THIS Saturday, November 23**. We need **volunteers** to help **sort food** in the **Parish Hall** for a couple of hours starting at about **10:30AM**.

## Table Talk Bible Class Moved to Tuesday

Because I am sometimes "schedule-challenged," I inadvertently set this month's Table Talk Bible class for the same time that I'll be on an airplane heading to my conference in San Diego. So, I have moved the class to **this Tuesday, November 19**, still at **11:30am** in the conference room. Appropriate for the week before Thanksgiving, the topic is "**Gluttony & Drunkenness in Ancient Israel**." Bring a lunch and let's dig in!

– Pastor Brian

## Pastor at Continuing Education

Pastor Brian is out of town this **Wednesday, November 20 through Monday, November 25** to attend the Bible & Archaeology Fest in San Diego. In case of emergency, please contact **Fr. Mark Ohlemeier** of St. George's at **785-220-5528**.

We welcome **Pastor S. Blake Duncan** as our guest presider and preacher next Sunday.

## Another "Great Pumpkin" Palooza!

Such a great variety of goodies were donated for last Sunday's Pumpkin Palooza bake sale! We profited an astounding **\$1631.25** to **benefit our combined Food Pantry!!!**

**Thank you** to all the food sorters, boxers, shelf-fillers, treat bakers & shoppers. What a blessing! Together we are doing the Lord's work to serve our community – and having fun in the process!



## Matching Funds for ELCJHL

Our monthly charitable donation for December is for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, and we have a fund to match any donations! For the month of November, all additional contributions designated for the ELCJHL will be matched and added to our regular donation to double the help we can give in support of our fellow Lutherans in the Holy Land.

## Share the Warmth THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **St. Mark/St. George's SHARE THE WARMTH Oct 2024** project, inspired by "Phillip's Wish" in the movie **5000 Blankets**, our food pantry clients and the homeless/low income in our area. Our collection of gently worn coats, thermal underwear, sweatshirts, t-shirts, undershirts, socks, hats, mittens, gloves, scarfs, warming blankets, handwarmers and new underwear for men and women concluded October 27 with following **almost 400 items donated!**

**Donations were distributed to:** St. George/St. Mark Food Pantry; Our Brothers' Keepers; Union United Methodist Church's homeless program; Moms on a Mission; Violence Prevention Center of SW Illinois; Pregnancy Care Center; Liz's Blessings in a Bag.

**The need is always there so please feel free to contact Sherri 618 791-6148 or [cookinsherri2@gmail.com](mailto:cookinsherri2@gmail.com) if/when you have items to donate.**



## "Angel Tree" Project with Lutheran Child and Family Services (LCFS)

St. Mark and St. George's joint participation in the Angel Tree Project Christmas Drive through LCFS continues this year. The project provides Christmas gifts to especially needy families in our area. *Children's names/wish lists with Information/Instructions and gift tags attached are on/under the "Christmas Tree" in the narthex/Welcome Area.*

You are not asked to provide everything on the child's wish list - a **\$60 limit per child** is recommended. However, we realize that may not be possible for many so please consider asking other members, family members or neighbors to share the joy of Christmas with you!

*Please attach the child's name/wish sheet to the UNWRAPPED gift to be returned by December 8, and earlier if possible. Gift wrap and/or gift bags may also be donated.*

Please contact Sherri Foppe 618-791-6148 [cookinsherri2@gmail.com](mailto:cookinsherri2@gmail.com) or Ann Martens 618-530-8679 if you have any questions. Monetary gifts will be accepted for those who prefer not to shop, and may be given to Ann or Sherri. Donations for gifts may also be made electronically at [https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-14EWR?access=tile\\_direct](https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-14EWR?access=tile_direct).



**Advent Communion Service & Soup Suppers** return **Wednesday, December 4**. Plan to come enjoy a hot meal of soup and salad at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall before joining us in the church for Holden Evening Prayer.

**Get a group together and host one of the soup suppers!** A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall near the coffee stand.

**St. Mark Offerings for 11/10: General Fund: \$5,407.11; Food Pantry: \$100; ELCJHL: \$25**